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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A sanitary, disposable dispensing assembly for providing reconstituted food and beverage by combining a diluent with a food and beverage concentrate, the dispensing assembly comprising:

a dispense spout having an internal surface defining a continuous internal

5 throughbore running through a horizontal portion, and a vertical portion joined by an elbow portion, the vertical portion having an outlet for the reconstituted food and beverage and a plurality of ribs running axially along the internal surface thereof, the elbow portion having a vent opening communicating the throughbore with outside atmosphere and the horizontal portion having a vertical passageway formed with an upper opening and a lower opening,  
10 the vertical passageway intersecting the throughbore; and

a body having an internal surface defining an internal bore formed therethrough, a diluent inlet for providing diluent flow along a horizontal path of the internal bore, a concentrate inlet having a vertical throughway in communication with the internal bore, the body having an open end opposite the diluent inlet for slidably receiving in a linear motion  
15 the horizontal portion of the dispense spout between a closed position wherein the vertical throughway is out of alignment with the vertical passageway and the throughbore of the dispense spout, and an open position wherein the vertical throughway is aligned with the vertical passageway and the throughbore, the vertical passageway and the throughbore defining a mixing chamber for the diluent and the concentrate.

2. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 1, including a guiding arrangement in the dispense spout and the body for slidably moving the dispense spout along a predetermined linear path relative to the body.

3. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 2, wherein the guiding arrangement includes resilient, deformable lock tab structure protruding outwardly from an external surface of the dispense spout, and horizontally extending key slot structure provided internally on the body, the key slot structure having enlarged end segments connected by a narrow channel, the key slot structure slidably receiving the lock tab structure.

4. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 1, including a plurality of sealing beads extending circumferentially around the external surface of the dispense spout in the horizontal portion thereof, the sealing beads being sealingly engaged with the internal surface of the body.

5. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 1, wherein the diluent inlet is formed with a hexagonally-shaped recess adapted to mate with a hexagonal head of a diluent nozzle mounted on a food and beverage dispenser.

6. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 1, wherein the upper opening of the vertical passageway in the dispense spout has a diameter which is larger than the diameter of the lower opening.

7. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 1, wherein the throughbore of the dispense spout increases in size from the horizontal portion to the vertical portion.

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8. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 1, wherein the concentrate inlet is positioned either upwardly or downwardly when the body is cooperatively engaged with the dispense spout.

9. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 1, wherein the concentrate inlet on the dispense spout is adapted to be connected to a concentrate vessel positioned above the dispense spout and having a delivery conduit engaged with a concentrate pump mounted on a food and beverage dispenser.

10. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 1, wherein the concentrate inlet is adapted to be connected to a concentrate vessel located beneath the dispense spout and having a delivery conduit independent of a concentrate pump on a food and beverage dispenser.

11. (Original) The dispensing assembly of claim 1, wherein the internal surface of the dispense spout is formed with a flow-diverting deflector adjacent the vent opening.

Claims 12- 22 (Cancelled)